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we're having problems with our surveyor...well, not so much with our surveyor but some wants him to assume additional responsibilities. I do not exactly understand this, but I talked to Senator Haberman and he said, Orval, he said, I understand what I'm trying to do perfectly, and the way you have amended it seems all right with me, so I'm going to let Senator Haberman explain just exactly...where are you at, Senator Haberman...explain what the amendments do to the bill. To me...and isn't it amazing that we live in a state that will have so many counties and so many of those counties are so small that they cannot either find or hire, or elect an engineer...or a surveyor? It seems odd. Senator Haberman, I'm going to yield my time to you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Senator Keyes. Mr. President and fellow legislators, I would ask that you have compassion in your heart for this poor old farm boy this morning as this is the first time I have addressed this august body on a bill. LB 115 amends the present section of the law pertaining to county surveyors and it makes two changes. It allows that a full or part time county surveyor may be approved by the county board in counties where there is no qualified surveyor residing. It also makes it possible that the county board will decide whether a full or part-time surveyor shall be elected in 1982. There are 54 counties that cannot find a qualified surveyor. An Attorney General's opinion stated, the counties said, what can we do about this and the Attorney General says, nothing. So they have illegally been hiring county surveyors. So this is the intent of the bill. The amendment merely helps the bill. It says...one amendment says the county board of such county may employ instead of appoint. Another amendment states a surveyor employed under this section shall serve the same term as that of an elected surveyor, and is not required to reside in the county of employment. Another amendment states...it adds, when there is a qualified surveyor within a county who will accept the office of county surveyor, if elected. The other amendment states...thereafter provided that in counties where the county surveyor is an ex officio county engineer as provided in Section 23-1901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, the office of surveyor shall be full-time. Any questions?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle. I think he had a question.